

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Algeria

Algerian leaders have papered over their quarrel with an agreement which enables Ben Bella and his politburo to govern the country while Ben Khedda and the Provisional government "supervise matters of state"-- i.e., foreign affairs. This arrangement is supposed to survive until elections for a national assembly are held in "about a month." The round thus goes to Ben Bella, but his adversaries are bitter and unreconciled, and the coming month will see some of the roughest sort of political infighting (Arab style).

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2. Afghan-Pakistan

[redacted] concerning the Shah's efforts to mediate between the Pakistani and the Afghans, he now appears to have made little real headway. The Shah [redacted]

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[redacted] appears determined to try again, however, and has invited missions from the two countries to come to Tehran and have a try at direct negotiations.

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3. Communist China

A major campaign to revitalize the Chinese Communist party may be heralded by the reprinting of a Liu Shao-chi hortatory tract of 1939, titled "How to Be a Good Communist."

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[redacted] this piece was required reading during the 1942 "rectification" campaign, directed against deviations. The present campaign appears likely to center on sagging party discipline rather than doctrinal deviation.

NOTES

- A. In the opinion of some [redacted] 50X1
Moscow will ensure that Soviet control over Allied access to Berlin will be retained in any treaty with East Germany in order to avoid the risk of war.
- B. Cambodia and Communist China are said (by the Cambodian press) to have concluded an agreement for a civil air route between Phnom Penh and Canton via Vientiane and Hanoi. Air France, hoping to get a foot in China, is tied in closely with the Cambodian airline in the deal.

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